



Solicitation Information  
April 13, 2015

Addendum 4

**Continuous Recruitment # 37**

**TITLE: Renewable Energy at Rhode Island Schools (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative 2014 Plan)**

**Submission Deadline: Continuous Recruitment through 20 April 2015 at 4:00 PM (ET)**

**Please note that the submission deadline has been extended to Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4:00 PM (ET)**

Below are additional questions received:

Question 1.

Can you provide more information regarding the NEED workshop?

i. When, where, how long, how many, curriculum/agenda?

**Answer:**

NEED workshops are typically held four times during the school year and held at various locations throughout the State. There will not be any more workshops this year. Applicants, in their application, will need to commit to sending a teacher to a NEED workshop during the next school year (2015-2016). Below is the announcement for the workshop held on March 24, 2015:

"The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources and the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project are excited to announce the upcoming Rhode Island Teacher Workshop to be held March 24, 2015 at Juanita Sanchez Complex. Classroom teachers (4-12) will have a unique opportunity to learn energy in a fun and exciting way!

Thanks to the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, the workshop is free. Teachers receive substitute reimbursement, breakfast and lunch is provided, and participating teachers will receive hands-on curriculum resources for use with student teams back in the classroom.

The NEED Project's mission is to promote an energy conscious and educated society. NEED is the nation's leading provider of energy education programs and materials to schools. All NEED learning activities are correlated to Rhode Island science objectives and many others. The program will make teaching energy exciting and fun as you return to your classroom. Participation in this workshop provides educators with a NEED Science of Energy Kit. The kit teaches the concepts of force, motion, light, sound, heat, electricity, magnetism, and energy transformations through hands-on activities.

Substitute reimbursement forms will be available at the workshop and substitute costs will be reimbursed to school districts."

Question 2.

If applications are due by April 27, 2015 when will the grants be awarded?

**Answer:**

**Applications are due by Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4:00 PM (ET).** Grants will most likely be awarded by June 15, 2015.

Question 3.

The REF allows \$1.15/watt or \$57,500 for a 50 kW project. If the RGGI Initiative will fund up to 75% of the project cost (\$135,000) that equals \$101,250. Combined, the two incentives > cost.

- i. Is it allowable for the two funding incentives to thus pay for the entire project?
- ii. How do we order the grant requests if not? For example \$1.15/Watt from REF then balance up to 75% of project from OER? Or up to 75% from OER then the REF \$1.15/Watt?

**Answer:**

There is no need to order the grant requests on either application as long as you list all of the grants you are applying for. In fact, each application has a specific section for funding. The schools application is on page 6 under Section 7 and there is a box to enter the amount of REF grant funding you anticipate. The REF application funding section is on page 7 Section 3. Under "funding source" you would add a line item for the OER Schools program.

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